RTOC Meeting Evaluation Summary Report Region 9 EPA San Francisco, CA October 20-21, 2008

What worked well at this meeting

- Frank discussions of environmental issues.
- Problem solving and working together.
- Region 9 EPA listening to tribes and having open dialogue.
- Meeting organization.
- Discussion between EPA, Tribes, and employees went well.
- The layout and having all RTOC Representatives there (EPA & Tribal).
- The open forum allowing us to voice our opinions.

Ways the meeting could be improved

- Can't think of any.
- NRCS presentation could have been moved to the conference.
- More interaction with the audience.
- Getting away from compiling information at the last minute. Example: RTOC Representatives having meetings with Environmental Directors days before the RTOC meeting begins. This doesn't provide enough good quality time to address tribal environmental issues that require "action".
- More information on the RTOC policies.

Issues requiring additional follow-up

- To UIC Program Primary and funding level increase for the Navajo Nation
- Sole source aquifer petition guidance
- Multi-year funding commitment for permanent programs
- Find funding that is sufficient for tribal members
- The dilemma with Elem Indian Colony and EPA on the Superfund Project

Meeting structure

- Excellent
- Fine
- I think it went very well
- Good
- Excellent

Suggestions/ideas on making meeting more environmentally friendly

- None
- Really addressed most of everything possible
- Recycled paper
- Less disposable products

- Eco-shirts
- Hotel that is a completely "green" building
- None it was perfect

Interest in workgroups

- Already a member of several workgroups
- None
- Water Quality Board workgroup
- Green Building workgroup
- The new "green" team
- Water/Solid Waste workgroup

Tribe's interest in holding a future RTOC Meeting

- Maybe
- Not sure, need to check
- Possibly
- Not at this time
- No thanks, not enough room

Other Comments

- Thank you for the invite
- None
- Good work
- Lela did a good job
- Good meetings